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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDTR

SUBJECT

: Training in Defensive Security -- Resistance

to Interrogation

School which are specifically or exclusively aimed at subject. The nearest we come to it is in the Operational Interrogation Course. This is run four times a year for eight students in each class. The majority of the students have come from As an average, 26X1A would be correct to say that approximately twenty-five personnebX1A receive interrogation training a year. Although the aim of the course is to instruct in the positive or aggressive aspects of the subject matter, there is nevertheless some by-product in the defensive security. In this regard, three volunteers per class are used as "subjects" for the interregation exercise. It is these persons—again mostly drawn from ranks—who receive actual training experience in learning how to endure "enemy detention".

2. As a result of a DDP/TRO conference last June, it was decided to include ten to twelve hours of instruction on the subject of enduring enemy detention in Operations Training, Phase II. Thus, all personnel attending that course do receive some exposure to the subject. As the course is presently structured, there is no actual training exercise in which students are placed in a stress situation from which they would learn their own strength and weaknesses. In fact, the subject matter actually is presented only in the form of briefings, lectures, and training films.

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3. As perhaps you are aware, of the A&E Staff is presently examining on a broad scale the possibility of creating a quite ellaborate inter-Agency program for studying Subject and, presumably, encouraging training in it. We are monitoring this and are to be kept advised regarding developments.

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4. Regarding the attached memo from I would comment only to the effect that what is given in the training programs for Vietnam-bound personnel on Subject really does not amount to training but rather briefing.

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